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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COSTUME.

*Grand Encampment N. E. of A. }
Chicago, Sept. 17th, 1859.*

At sitting of to-day, it was ordered that the Grand Recorder have printed in circular form, 1200 copies of the description of Costume ordered to be worn; the same to be distributed among the various Commanderies of the United States.

Below please find the full description.

SAM'L G. RISK,

Grand Recorder.

TEMPLAR'S UNIFORM.—A white surcoat or tunic, made without sleeves, worn over a black coat and reaching down to the knees; made full and fastened around the waist with a red leather belt, two inches wide, buckled at the right side. The red passion cross four inches high on the left breast.

SCARF.—Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black one inch on either side, a strip of Navy lace one-fourth of an inch wide at the inner edge of the black. On the front centre of the scarf, a metal star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, enclosing the passion cross surrounded by the Latin motto, "In Hoc Signo Vinces;" the star to be 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. The scarf to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.

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CLOAK.—Of white merino, worn on the left shoulder, so as to leave the sword arm free, and reaching down to the lower edge of the tunic behind; bordered with black velvet one inch in width, and having on the left breast a templar cross of scarlet velvet, six inches in width.

GAUNTLETS.—Of buff leather, the flap to extend four inches upwards from the wrist, and to have the appropriate cross of red velvet, two inches in length.

SWORD.—Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of scabbard, helmet head, cross handle, and metal scabbard.

CHAPEAU.—The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, and with black or white plumes.

DISTINCTIONS.—The Sir Knights will wear white metal wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, gold.

CROSSES.—Sir Knights, Commanders and Past Commanders will wear the Passion Cross; Grand and Past Grand Officers of States, the Templar Cross; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the United States, the Patriarchal Cross; the M. E. G. Master and Past Grand Masters of the United States, the Cross of Salem, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the centre.

The various Crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the Chapeau, and on the sheath of the sword. Those on Chapeau to be three inches in height, on the sword one inch.

FATIGUE.—Black frock coat, the white scarf and sword, red belt, and a black cloth navy cap, having the appropriate cross in front.

SPURS.—Will be of the appropriate colors, as above provided.

HANGINGS FOR JEWELS.—The hangings of State Grand Bodies and Subordinates, may remain as at present.

GRAND STANDARD.—Is of white woolen stuff, six feet in height and five feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom,

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fastened at the top to the cross bar by nine rings; in the centre of the field a blood red Passion Cross, over which is the motto, "*In hoc Signo Vincas*," and under, "*Non nobis, Domine! non nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam!*" The Cross to be four feet high, and the upright and bar to be seven inches wide. On the top of the Staff, a gilded globe or ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height. The Cross to be crimson, edged with gold.

BEAUSEANT.—Of woolen or silk stuff, same form and dimensions as the Grand Standard, and suspended in the same manner. The upper half of this Standard is black, the lower half, white.

PRELATE'S ROBES.—A full white linen or muslin robe, open behind, reaching down to within six inches of the feet, fastened around the neck below the cravat, which should be white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woolen cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck and extending down to the bottom of the robe; on the left front a red velvet Templar cross, six inches in width. A blue silk stole reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of red silk. Mitre of white merino, bordered with gold, lined with green, having the red Templar Cross extending to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of his office is a Crozier.

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The following resolution was also adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the costume this day adopted by the Grand Encampment, be and the same is hereby ordered to be worn by all Commanderies chartered at this communication, or that shall be hereafter established in this jurisdiction; and by all Commanderies heretofore existing, whenever they shall procure a new costume; and that no Officer, Member, or Knight be, after this session, allowed to sit in this Grand Encampment, unless clothed in the Uniform hereby prescribed; and that the State Grand Commanderies be directed to enforce it in all subordinates that may be hereafter chartered in their respective jurisdictions.

A. M. L.
Recorder
in County Sec.